



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: Stephen M BRINICH

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For: IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINING APPARATUS, IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINING METHOD, AND MEDIUM RECORDING THEREON IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINATION CONTROL PROGRAM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 21, 2004 from July 21, 2004 to August 21, 2004 to September 21, 2004 to October 21, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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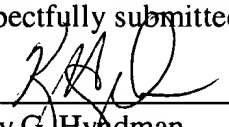
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